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## Hot tip

### Stickers still available

City Clerk Robert Stevens reports sales of city wheel tax stickers are lagging.

Stevens said the city vehicle licenses, which were to be purchased by May 1, are still available in his office on the first floor of City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.

Automobile stickers cost \$10, and truck stickers are available for a \$15 fee.

## 25 years ago

Thursday, June 2, 1966

The end of "The Frohardt Era" in Granite City public school system was noted Tuesday at a retirement party for Ralph E. Frohardt.

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(Staff photo by Pam Deepke-Hurd)

**IT'S THAT TIME:** If it's early June, it must be graduation time — and time for photographs. Like proud parents everywhere, relatives of the kindergarten graduates at Blair School were jockeying for position Thursday afternoon during

graduation ceremonies. The graduation was one of many in the area. See Page 3A for Venice High School graduation photos and Wednesday's and Thursday's papers for Madison and Granite high school graduations.

## Jury rejects denial in drug trial

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Even as he waited for the jury's verdict Thursday that now has him facing 10 years to life, Ron Flaughner adamantly denied he had ever been part of a cocaine sales conspiracy.

A mutual interest in motor boats, Flaughner said, was his only connection to alleged drug ringleader John Lanter. Flaughner said, a leaking roof was the only reason for his meeting with Lanter Nov. 30 — a meeting only hours before a \$100,000 cocaine buy engineered by a federal sting operation.

A jury in federal court Thursday found Flaughner and co-defendants Aaron "Ace" Hall and Will Hall, both of East St. Louis, guilty on all counts following three weeks of trial and more than three

hours of deliberation.

Each had been charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, using a firearm in connection with an illegal drug deal and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Although the conspiracy charges against Flaughner and the Halls covered their actions during a four-year period, during the trial federal authorities charged they had been the "money men" behind the Nov. 30 cocaine buy. Flaughner was said to have provided \$50,000 in that deal and the Halls the other \$50,000.

The buy was set up by federal informant Joe Sterkis, formerly of Sorento, and Lanter. Sterkis claims Lanter headed a Metro East drug ring that sold as much as five kilograms of cocaine a week for more than four years. Lanter, who also faces federal conspiracy charges, is scheduled for trial

in July.

During the trial the jury listened to more than five hours of taped phone calls and conversations taped by Sterkis using a body microphone.

Their trial is the first in a series expected this summer involving what federal authorities are calling a large-scale illegal drug organization headed by Lanter Sterkis, who worked as a federal informant for about six months beginning last June, is expected to be the key witness in all of the cases.

Also facing federal charges as part of the Lanter organization are former Panama Jax owner Danny Cox, Collinsville, who faces charges of conspiracy and possession of cocaine, and former Panama Jax bouncer Dennis DeLuca, also of Collinsville, who faces charges involving possession of more

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## Child search program gets wider replacement

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

**BELLEVEILLE** — Although the I-SEARCH program for missing children is failing victim to state funding cuts, a new program aimed at a wider variety of victims is being started in its place.

"I-SHIELD" will target the needs of children, the elderly, the disabled and other "vulnerable groups," said J.W. "Skip" Bennett, operating manager of the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, the administering agency.

I-SHIELD will be one of several programs of SILEC, which offers education, training and crime prevention tactics to thousands of police officials and citizens throughout a seven-county area that includes Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Clinton, Randolph, Washington and Bond counties. SILEC is located on the second floor of the county jail building in Belleville.

With \$20,000 in local funds, former

I-SEARCH coordinator Peggy McKinney of Swansea has begun the search for contributors to launch I-SHIELD into the future. A committee of volunteers met Friday to discuss strategy, she said.

Gene Brombolich, former mayor of Collinsville and also former SILEC president, has been named to chair a blue ribbon committee to marshal support for the concept. Targeted for funding assistance are corporations, businesses, civic and private organizations.

As of July 1, the state is pulling the plug on I-SEARCH funding across Illinois. Many municipal governments are picking up their own costs for such programs, but in this area it seemed more realistic to change I-SEARCH into a program that served a wider segment of the public and had a better chance of being funded, Bennett said.

It was Bennett who came up with the I-SHIELD idea, although he and St. Clair County Sheriff Mearl Justus pushed the

(See SEARCH, Page 2A)

## Walker receives 40-year sentence

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

**EDWARDSVILLE** — A defense attorney's argument for a lighter sentence backfired Thursday as his client was sentenced to 40 years in a state prison for strangling his girlfriend to death.

Jackie Ray Walker, 25, of Venice pleaded guilty March 5 to first-degree murder in the death of Sharon Harris, 19, through plea negotiations, Walker was guaranteed a sentence of 20 to 40 years, 20 years less than the maximum of 60.

Harris' body was discovered June 25, 1990, by housekeeping staff at the Illini Motel in Granite City. Walker and Harris had checked into the motel about 11 p.m. on June 24 after a trip to Six Flags Over Mid-America in Eureka, Mo., taken in a taxi.

Walker told police that he strangled Harris after she declined using an overdose of Tylenol to commit suicide, a method he said she told him had only made her sick in the past.

Walker told police he tried unsuccessfully to take a fatal dose of the medication but later sought treatment in the emergency room of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. While at the hospital, Walker gave a video-taped confession to police.

Walker told police that he had tried to strangle Harris with his hands but eventually used a webbed belt to kill her. Attorney Brad Hunt said that Walker was not a hardened criminal.

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## Welfare workers picket here, across state

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

**GRANITE CITY** — About 25 members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2000 picketed at the Granite City office of the Illinois Department of Public Aid on Thursday.

The informational picketing was part of a statewide protest against Gov. Jim Edgar's proposed budget. The budget plan includes elimination of 622 front-line jobs in the Public Aid offices; and massive layoffs at General Assistance township offices, according to Darron Dailey, local shop steward for the union.

Dailey estimated that 5,000 Public Aid and General Assistance employees statewide participated in the picketing from noon to 1 p.m. May 30. Dailey said the proposed cuts, if enacted, will have a "severe adverse effect on services." He predicted that staff reductions will result in denial of food and shelter to more than 100,000 General Assistance clients.

He said other clients — including children, disabled individuals and elderly people — will have to wait longer for help, and asserted that fraud may go undetected.

According to information provided by the AFSCME union office in Chicago, the number of welfare recipients has increased by almost 20 percent over the last 15 months.

Donna Azbill of Mitchell, a caseworker in the

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**EMPLOYEES** of the Granite City office of the Illinois Department of Public Aid, members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2000, were out picketing Thursday. The local picketing, part of a state-wide protest of Governor Jim Edgar's proposed budget, took place in front of the Granite City Public Aid office.



## Two charged in shooting

GRANITE CITY—Two city men are being held in connection with an alleged home invasion and shooting which took place May 25.

Charged are Johnny W. Lindsay, 26, of the 3100 block of Jill, and Edward H. Moad Jr., 24, of the 1900 block of Spruce Street. Each was charged with home invasion and aggravated battery with a firearm.

Lindsay is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bond. Moad is being held on bond set at \$50,000. According to Assistant Chief Ron Selph, Lindsay and Moad are alleged to have broken into the home of Michael P. Grizzard, 23, in the 2900 block of West 20th Street at 2:53 a.m. last Saturday. Selph said Grizzard told officers the two men came to his house and kicked in the door. Grizzard said he then shot Lindsay three times, once in each thigh and once in the right testicle.

A struggle ensued, Selph said, and one of the men obtained the gun, a .38 caliber pistol, and shot Grizzard in the forearm.

After the men left, Grizzard went to 7-Eleven, Niedringhaus Avenue and 19th Street, to call police, but ran his car into the building. He was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where officers took his statement. It was at the interview of Grizzard that police discovered Lindsay had also come to the hospital seeking treatment for gunshot wounds, Selph said.

Selph said the incident was another in a series involving Lindsay and Grizzard, who have an ongoing feud. He also said Lindsay had been released from prison in the past year.

## Driving review course planned

The review course Rules of the Road taught by employees of the Secretary of State's office and by local volunteer instructors will be offered at three area locations in June.

June 7: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., West Senior Citizens Center, 301 S. 4th St. in Brooklyn, 874-1244.  
June 18: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Venice Senior Citizens Center, Brown and Klein St., Venice, 876-8163.

June 19: 9 to 11 a.m., Granite City Township Bldg., 2060 Delmar Ave., Granite City, 877-4373.

## Research works

American Heart Association



**CIRCUS TIX ON SALE:** Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruise, front right, buys Alnad Shrine Circus tickets from Granite City Schnucks manager Dan Byrd, front left, as Alnad Batchelor, clown, Gene Tracy, Potentate, Tracy Lakin, ambassador, and Charlie Alves, public relations officer, watch.

## Four charged in theft of vehicle

Area residents were named in warrants issued by Madison County State's Attorney William Haine during the week of May 27.

Venice police sought warrants against four men in what appeared to be the attempted theft of a 1982 Chevrolet hatchback May 25. Kenneth Deal, 20, Otis Robinson, 19, Ramon C. Anderson, 20, and Michael Hyster, 19, were each charged with one count of attempted offenses relative to a motor vehicle. No addresses for the suspects were available. Bail was set at \$10,000 each.

An East St. Louis man was being held in the Madison County jail after Madison police sought a warrant charging him with theft over \$300. Eric McCray, of the 800 block of N. 75th Street, allegedly took a Panasonic video cassette recorder from a Madison resident in a May 26 incident.

Lisa A. Slaton, 21, of the 2300

block of Myrtle Avenue, was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Granite City police allege that Darnell Wallace of the 1500 block of Market Street and Jimmy Thomas of the 900 block of Washington sold less than one gram of cocaine and intended to sell more than one but less than 15 grams of cocaine in a May 29 incident. Bail was set at \$50,000 each.

Theresa L. Pakes, 26, of the 1700 block of Olive, was charged with deceptive practices. From Nov. 10 to Dec. 11, 1990, Pakes allegedly wrote bad checks totaling more than \$200 at the Granite City K mart store. Bail was set at \$4,000.

Rickie Millender, 39, was charged with four counts of forgery. His address was not available. On May 24, Millender allegedly wrote checks at the Dollar General and K mart stores in Granite City against the account of another man at the Magna Bank of Columbia. Bail was set at \$50,000.

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being charged with unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Granite City police allege that Darnell Wallace of the 1500 block of Market Street and Jimmy Thomas of the 900 block of Washington sold less than one gram of cocaine and intended to sell more than one but less than 15 grams of cocaine in a May 29 incident. Bail was set at \$50,000 each.

Michael T. Logan, 35, of the 300 block of Hill Street, and James E. Townsend, 23, of the 200 block of Carver Street, Madison, were being held in the Madison County Jail after being charged with unlawful possession of controlled substance and unlawful possession with intent to deliver. Madison County Sheriff's Department alleges that the two possessed less than one gram of cocaine in a May 30 incident. Bail was set at \$75,000 each.

## Brothers are in need of foster care

GRANITE CITY — The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is seeking help from area families who are willing to care for foster children of all ages.

These are youngsters whose biological parents, for many reasons, are unable to care for them.

Currently, there is a need for additional homes for teen-agers, children with behavior problems, and sibling groups.

Mike and Marv are 11 and 9 year-old brothers whose parents have abandoned them. Their mother moved from place to

place with the children, trying to follow the father until she finally tired and left him. Apparently overwhelmed with her life's problems and the natural demands of her boys, one day she drove up to the police station, sent the boys inside and drove away.

Efforts to locate her were successful, but she kept moving about, and either would or could not establish a home where she might receive them. She is now out of contact with the agency as she has been at various times in the past.

The future for these boys will

be foster care. No relatives are available to care for them. There is, of course, always the possibility that either the mother or father may remarry, establish a satisfactory home, and be able to reclaim the boys.

DCFS provides a monthly board payment to help cover the basic expenses of caring for a child. Medical, dental and other special expenses are also paid by the state.

For information on children like Mike and Marv, or in foster care in general, call Jeanette Rietzel at 876-8885.

## Search

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concept statewide in a recent article they wrote for a publication of the Illinois Police Association. Bennett said he hopes other jurisdictions become interested.

The SILEC board, made of police, county and municipal leaders from throughout the area, raised \$20,000 to begin I-SHIELD. A \$25,000 grant is also being sought from the state. McKinney said, but the status of that request won't be known until August. I-SEARCH funds have been provided through the Illinois State Police.

"I-SHIELD is an attempt to keep the music playing," Bennett said. "We think this is too critical to drop."

More importantly, however, is that there are a number of vulnerable segments of the community that need to be served, he said.

He cited a continuous increase in violent crimes, prisoner count and early release of criminals, child exploitation and the drug problem among the reasons I-SHIELD is needed.

Bennett, a Pontoon Beach area resident, knows about the victims of crime. A few years ago his elderly parents were victims of a brutal strong-armed robbery in Hollywood, Fla.

But the trauma might have been worse had it not been for a caring policeman. "The officer couldn't have been more empathic, patient and helpful. I even wrote to his chief afterward."

I-SHIELD would generate that kind of compassion, Bennett feels.

"I-SHIELD is also a natural

vehicle for community-oriented policing," he said, referring to a concept used by many police departments in involving citizens in assisting law enforcement. "The officers cannot solve crime by themselves."

The primary goals of I-SHIELD are to provide educational programs, training and information to children, parents, teachers, senior citizens, the mentally and physically impaired, corporation personnel and their families and the community, focusing on ways to avoid victimization, Bennett said.

The heart of I-SEARCH would continue with programs on child identification, prevention education to children, parents and teachers, and drug prevention education, focusing on kindergarten to third-grade students.

Unlike I-SEARCH, which stands for Illinois State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children, I-SHIELD is not an acronym. Bennett said, but a term that seemed to best encompass the intent of the program.

I-SEARCH has been a grant-funded program for six years, but the original concept called for the funding to be taken over on a local level, Bennett said. That never happened, and this year, the Illinois State Police, faced with budget cuts, cut I-SEARCH.

I-SEARCH has its roots in the famous Adam Walsh murdered-child case.

McKinney said that even with \$20,000, I-SHIELD should be able to proceed for several months beyond July, at which time it will be apparent how successful fund-raising will be.

## Recording closed meetings won't be required in bill

By Joe Carroll  
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — The sponsor of a controversial bill that would have required local governments to tape-record closed meetings agreed to water down the proposal late last week in order to move it out of the House.

The tape-recording provision, which the Illinois Municipal League and mayors around the state objected to, was removed from the bill late Thursday.

Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago, sponsor of the bill, said she took the clause out "as a matter of practical reality." If she had not removed that section, she said, there was no way it would have passed.

Lawmakers, satisfied that the offending provision had been struck, passed the bill on to the Senate on Friday.

Prior to the change in the bill, the Municipal League, the Illinois Community College Trustees Association and a number of other local government groups

lobbied vigorously against the legislation.

The proposal is intended to broaden the Illinois Open Meetings Act, which requires local governments to hold meetings in public unless there are special circumstances.

The legislation also raised the ire of the Municipal League because it would give judges the power to impose fines of up to \$500 against individual council members and board members who participate in illegal closed meetings.

The fines would have to be paid by the individual members. The bill also requires local governments to post agendas for public meetings at least 24 hours in advance and to keep minutes of meetings held behind closed doors.

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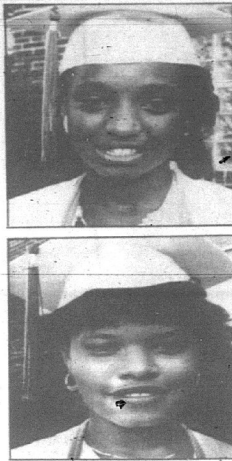
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**GETTING IT RIGHT:** Venice High School seniors waiting for graduation to begin Wednesday night look over the program to make sure their names are included. From left are Winston Webb, Terrell Sherrod, Regina Adams, Kendra Fuller, Rachael Jackson, Tiarol Smith and Vincee Berry. Pictured, at right, are class valedictorian Rashanda McGhee, top, and salutatorian Nicole Williams.



## Jailer not allowed to withdraw plea

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — A former Madison County jailer's attempt to withdraw a guilty plea to drug and weapon charges was denied Friday.

Richard King, 43, of Venice testified that he did not know the difference between concurrent and consecutive sentences when he pleaded guilty to drug and weapon charges Jan. 8.

Concurrent sentences are served simultaneously while consecutive charges are served one after another.

King was already serving a five-year prison term he received after his intensive probation on a 1989 drug sale charge was revoked, when he received an additional six-year sentence on charges of unlawful possession of cocaine.

King was also sentenced to five years in prison for unlawful possession of a firearm but Circuit Judge A.A. Matosian ruled that the sentence would run concurrently with the five-year term.

Matosian further ruled that the six-year term would run consecutively with the original five-year sentence.

"I believed they would run together with the first five, not 11 like I ended up with," King said.

The 1989 drug charge led to King's suspension and eventual firing from the Madison County Jail, where he had worked for

eight years.

Assistant State's Attorney Rich Rybak argued that because of this work experience, along with King's previous prosecution on an aggravated battery charge, he was "not a novice to the criminal justice system."

Rybak also read from a transcript of King's Jan. 8 sentencing in which he said he understood the sentence he received.

"You were given a chance by the judge to tell him of anything that you didn't understand or to advise him that you were confused," Rybak said.

Defense attorney Paul Storment cited several cases in which guilty verdicts had been set aside because the defendants did not, for a variety of reasons, understand legal proceedings.

"The defendant knew exactly what he was doing and he got a good deal," Matosian ruled, adding that that "deal" had included the dismissal of some charges.

While the drug and firearm possession charges stuck, charges of armed violence and unlawful possession of more than 15 but less than 100 grams of cocaine were dismissed in the May 21, 1990, incident.

King was arrested shortly after 4 a.m. in the 900 block of Jackson Street in West Madison. King and a female companion were seen in a parked car by Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Brick, who had been investigating the area in

response to a fight call in the 1000 block of Douglas Street. When King showed Brick his identification, Brick found that King was on intensive probation. King admitted to Brick that he was violating a 7 p.m. curfew.

When King was arrested, he was wearing a gun in a shoulder holster. In a search of King's

automobile, officers found a felt Crown Royal liquor bag which contained several small plastic bags of cocaine.

In his testimony Friday, King admitted that there was a half-pint bottle of Crown Royal in his car but denied the presence of cocaine.

## State board to rule on Flood's license

SPRINGFIELD — A state board will decide later this month whether to revoke the real estate broker's license of a Granite City woman who is serving time in federal prison, officials said last week.

The Real Estate Administration and Disciplinary Board of the Department of Professional Regulation will hold a hearing June 20 in Springfield on Gaye Flood, 57, a department spokesman said.

Flood was sentenced last fall to a federal prison in Kentucky for conspiring to defraud the government and making false statements on loan applications. Flood is listed as an agent for a number of properties represented by Flood Realty Centre Inc. of Granite City.

She began serving her 366-day sentence in January. Flood's son, Rodney, now runs the firm.

The board will decide if Flood's license should be revoked as a result of her conviction. Her license is set to expire in January.

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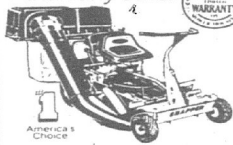


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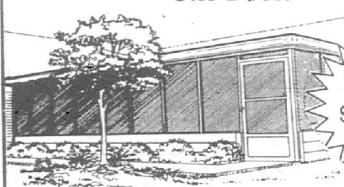
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## Graduation marks turning point

By Jim Haverstick  
Staff writer

The power went out, the heat was almost unbearable and the speakers had to address the audience with a bull horn at the Belleville Area College General Education Development graduation ceremony.

But the 432 students receiving their diplomas Thursday night did not let these things spoil the moment.

"I'm tickled to death," said Earl Bricken, 71, of Belleville. "I wouldn't miss it for the world. I wanted my kids and grandkids to see me get my diploma."

Some people need the GED to get a job, others need it to get a promotion, but like Bricken, many older adults want their diploma to satisfy an inner need.

Bricken dropped out of school in 1964, after finishing the eighth grade, because he had to find a job to help support his family during the Depression, he said.

He worked on a farm with his brother-in-law during the Depression and then got into the vending business after World War II. He didn't need a high school diploma to do either job, so he eventually forgot all about it.

Bricken got married, had two children, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Then after he retired, his family encouraged him to get his GED. Though he was apprehensive about going back to school after so many years, he scored two

A's in his classes, he said.

"I wanted to encourage my grandkids and great-grandkids and other senior citizens that it can be done," Bricken said. "I hope others will find out about the GED and take the hint."

Bricken said there are many people his age who did not have an opportunity to finish high school.

One of his GED classmates, Julie Kollmeyer, 70, of Belleville, fits that description.

"I always wanted a high school diploma," Kollmeyer said. "It is just something I always wanted to do."

She too dropped out of high school to find a job. She worked baby-sitting small children, then in a munitions factory during World War II. After that she got married and raised a family of her own.

Before she knew it, more than 50 years had slipped by and she had never finished high school, she said.

"I never had time to go back and finish school," she said. "This year I had the opportunity, so I did it and thank God I made it."

Kollmeyer found it difficult to

return to school after so many years. She had never studied algebra, geometry or science, but she enjoyed school and loved to learn new things so she stuck with it.

"It feels wonderful," she said. "It is such an accomplishment."

Alexander Subaney, 65, of Fairview Heights is another person who never had the chance to finish school.

Because of health problems as a child he did not attend school regularly and often had tutors. As a teenager he grew tired of the inconsistency in his education so he abandoned school altogether, he said.

He educated himself by reading everything he could get his hands on, he said. The jobs he found as an iron worker and in a copper plant did not require a high school diploma.

"When I turned 65 I thought it was about time I got my diploma," Subaney said.

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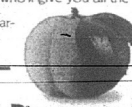
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# State agency joins clinic investigation

By David Migoya  
Staff writer

The state agency which governs physicians' licenses and ethical conduct has joined the investigation of a Belleville doctor accused of improper sexual contact with a teen-age patient at a Fairview Heights clinic.

If investigators with the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation determine the allegations against the doctor are accurate, the agency could suspend his license before any criminal charges are filed, a spokesman for the department said.

"I don't understand why that agency would have become involved," the doctor said Friday.

Investigators with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, St. Clair County State's Attorney's office and the Fairview Heights Police Department have been looking into the allegations, which were first filed in mid-March. Several more allegations have surfaced in the past few days.

"I think they're joining the bandwagon," the doctor said of the additional allegations. "I would expect the psychology of things would cause these women to believe it happened."

Investigators with the Department of Professional Regulation also will use information gathered by those agencies to determine whether to suspend the doctor's license pending a hearing before the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board, DPR officials said.

When a medical license is suspended, the physician's license to prescribe and distribute medication also is suspended.

Attorneys for Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and the Illinois Attorney General's Office have been involved in

court rulings issued recently that alternately require the clinic to reveal the names and addresses of teen-age girls treated by the doctor to DCPS and (per an appellate court decision) to delay turning over the names until appeals could be filed.

On Wednesday, State's Attorney Robert Haida confirmed that five additional complaints had been lodged against the doctor, all from adult women. Haida would not say whether the women were treated by the doctor at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood office or if they were patients in his private practice in Belleville.

Haida would not say when a St. Clair County grand jury might begin hearing evidence in the case, although several other sources said the case would go before the grand jury next week.

On Thursday, a DPR spokesman confirmed the agency's medical investigation unit has been investigating the case since March when a 15-year-old girl lodged the first complaint of improper sexual contact at the clinic.

## Egyptianfest set for June 9

The Egyptian Radio Club will conduct its annual Egyptianfest on Sunday, June 9, at the club grounds on Chouteau Place Road in the Mitchell area.

The ham radio fest will begin at 6 a.m. and will conclude with the main prize presentation at about 2 p.m. Prizes will be given every 30 minutes.

Refreshments will be available on the club grounds. Amateur radio license testing will be conducted at the Sanford Brown Business College, 3237 W. Chain of Rocks Road.

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"We have launched a full investigation against the doctor and will take appropriate action, if required, when it is completed," said spokesman Michael Manning.

Manning said the doctor, whose name is not being used because no criminal charges have been filed, has never been disciplined by the department since he was licensed in 1952.

"His medical license currently is active and in good standing," Manning said.

At the center of the legal controversy are the rights of a clinic or medical facility to keep confidential the names of patients while maintaining the doctor-patient privilege to privacy.

However, Associate Judge Robert LeChien on Wednesday ruled the privilege doesn't exist because a state law involving investigations of child abuse precludes the privacy. LeChien's order also allows the minors to be contacted while at school.

Illinois' Fifth District Court of Appeals on Thursday granted a stay of LeChien's order until attorneys for DCPS and Planned Parenthood present arguments on why the privilege does or doesn't exist.

LeChien amended his original decision Tuesday by naming Belleville attorney Margaret Walsh as legal guardian for the

15-year-old who filed the original complaint. He also ordered Walsh to interview the girl and others treated by the doctor at the clinic to determine which ones wanted to be interviewed by DCPS investigators.

"Our general intent is clear. Our basic purpose is to try and reach other possible victims," said DCPS spokesman Tom Teague. "This type of mistreatment is not usually isolated but a long-term pattern."

While the appellate court's stay order puts the issue in legal limbo for about two weeks, subpoenas which might be issued by a grand jury seeking names and addresses of patients could make the issue moot because of legal precedents.

If patients have complaints, they should come forward and those complaints should be investigated," said Paula Giannino, executive director of the chain of family planning clinics.

"We won't tolerate the possibility that our patients have not been given good medical care," she said.

The doctor was released from his contract in March after DCPS launched its investigation, Giannino said.

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# Granite City native is superintendent

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

After 30 years of employment in Edwardsville School District 7, Robert Stuart has slipped into the district's top spot. Stuart will assume duties as superintendent July 1.

Stuart replaces Dr. Allen McCowan, the superintendent for the past four years, who resigned May 13. McCowan was hired May 6 as superintendent for the Woodridge School District near Chicago. Stuart has lived in Edwardsville for the last 30 years, but spent the first 20 years of his life in Granite City. Stuart graduated from Granite City High School in 1957. A chapter of the DeMolay was named for his late father, James Stuart, and his 92-year-old mother, Verna Stuart, still lives in Granite City.

Many well-wishers have been uncertain whether to congratulate or sympathize with Stuart, who is inheriting a district already combating financial and space-related problems, he said. But Stuart already has his priorities in order.

"Finance is the number one item," Stuart said. "Housing is number two. That will keep me busy for quite a while." Stuart said he will give his recommendations to the board regarding the district's \$2 million debt at a July 15 meeting. While he said there will be some discussion of the growing district's space needs, money will be the focal point.

"We're spending an awful lot of taxpayers' money on interest and we have to address that," Stuart said. "Money is short for everybody so we need to offer some good alternatives." Neither of the district's key problems are new to Stuart. He spent seven years as a science teacher at the junior high school, then seven years as its assistant principal before becoming the principal of Glen Carbon School for eight years. For the past eight years, he has served as the assistant superintendent.

Stuart's appointment was announced May 28.

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"The mobility of people today is a big factor," said Ranny Campero, who directs the Child Development Center at Christian Hospital Northeast in North St. Louis County.

She suggests polling neighbors, friends, people at work, church members and other acquaintances for suggestions.

High-school guidance counselors or church youth leaders can be good mines of information about trustworthy teens or older folks interested in sitting.

Don't rely solely on others' judgment, Campero said. Set up an interview with any new sitter.

Ask the prospective sitter to drop by at a time when the children are around, then observe how the sitter and children react to each other.

It's a good idea to ask the sitter what he or she would do if a stranger came to the door or if a child were injured.

During the initial interview, explain ground rules and expectations concerning visitors, keeping the house clean, bedtimes, discipline and refrigerator privileges.

Sitters who have taken baby sitter classes, often offered at community hospitals, are a good choice, Campero said.

Age is no yardstick in choosing

a sitter, Campero said. "There are too many variables," she said. "It depends on the person."

Sitters should always be told to arrive early, Campero said, giving parents time to give instructions. The extra time also

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# Skinner sees success for Scott joint-use airport

By Martin Richter  
Staff writer

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner told area business and civic leaders last week that they are "on the right track" in their efforts to bring a joint-use airport to Scott Air Force Base.

"You have to have a good case, and you have to make that case in a logical way," Skinner said.

"And that's what you're doing, and that's why I predict that your efforts will be just as successful at Scott as a few years ago when a man named George Bush came to this area, and 5,000 people showed up at the site of the Clark Bridge."

Skinner addressed about 360 people attending the Belleville Economic Progress Dinner Tuesday at Fischer's Restaurant.

He spoke on the future of surface and air transportation in the Midwest and nationwide.

About 25 joint-use opponents carried signs and handed out literature outside the restaurant during Skinner's appearance.

Following Skinner's speech, Dennis Bietke of Boatmen's Bank asked how much impact a small but vocal group of opponents could have on the decision-making process.

"They can do a lot if they have a good case and articulate it," Skinner said.

"If you don't do enough planning and educating, they can exploit your weaknesses,"

The nation's airlines, Skinner said, are still going through a transition period following deregulation.

As in any such transition, he said, some companies will survive and do well, and others won't make it.

"We're going through that very difficult time, and I think we are about through it," he said.

Skinner said he believes financially troubled TWA "can come out of" its problems, and has the potential to be one of the five to seven major air carriers in the country.

He was enthusiastic about President Bush's Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill, an ambitious and expensive project to rebuild the country's interstate highway system, improve mass transit and increase highway safety.

The bill, which Skinner expected to be signed into law in September, carries a price tag of \$105 billion—only \$20 million less than the price of the 1955 project to build the entire interstate highway system.

The Springfield-area native and University of Illinois graduate was appointed secretary of transportation on Feb. 1, 1989.

U.S. Congressmen Al Dixon and Jerry Costello, both of whom spoke briefly at the BEPI dinner, said Skinner has gone from being relatively unknown to "the star of the Bush administration."

Skinner said he knew he had made it when television talk show host David Letterman poked fun at him with "The Top 10 Ways You Know You Love Samuel K. Skinner."

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(Staff photo by MARTIN RICHTER)

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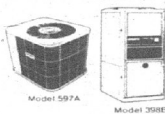


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## Obituaries

## Clements

Phillip Wayne Clements, 42, of Clarksville, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died on Thursday, May 30, 1991, at Cumberland City, Tenn., of a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Clements was born Sept. 19, 1948.

He was employed as a truck driver for Schnucks.

Survivors include a son, Darin Clements of Granite City; two daughters, Cindy Clements and Shelia Clements, both of Granite City; his parents, Theo and Zeila (Hays) Clements of Clarksville, Tenn.; a brother, Jesse Clements of Granite City; his grandmothers, Ruby Hays of Granite City, Estelle Clements of Clarksville, Tenn.; and a grandchild.

Services were held Saturday at St. John's Funeral Home in Dover, Tenn. Burial was in Clarksville, Tenn.

## Nyers

Gisella R. (Stelzer) Nyers, 79, of Granite City, died at 10:52 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, after a two-year illness.

Mrs. Nyers was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. She had resided in Granite City for 50 years.

She was employed at the Granite City High School cafeteria as a cook for 11 years. She retired in 1975.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and Lincoln Place Mothers Club.

Survivors include a son, Craig J. Nyers of Granite City; a foster son, Edward C. Ford of Granite City; a granddaughter, Aimee Nyers; and two foster grandchildren, Robert D. Ford and Dawn Marie Kinum.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph B. Nyers.

who died Feb. 6, 1980; her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Musser) Stelzer; two sisters, Rose Stelzer and Ann Musser; two brothers, Joseph and William Stelzer.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. today (Sunday) at Davis Funeral Home, 21st & Cleveland, Granite City, where a Wake Service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Services will be 9 a.m. Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church with the Rev. William Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

## Savage

Alvin Savage, 55, a former resident of the Metro East area and a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, died Wednesday, May 22, 1991, in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Savage was born Jan. 10, 1936, in Luxora, Ark., and he resided in Texas for 14 years. He was a member of the Quinn Mission African Methodist Episcopal Church, Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Erma S. Savage; his mother, Elvior Savage; one son, Michael S. Savage; four brothers, James Savage Jr. and Calvin Savage, both of Madison; Larry M. Savage of Royal Lake, Ill.; and Michael Savage of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at the Quinn Mission Church, Madison, with the Rev. Lee Pittman, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Officiating was the Rev. Lee Pittman, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Officiating was the Rev. Lee Pittman, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Officiating was the Rev. Lee Pittman, pastor, officiating.

East St. Louis, was in charge of arrangements.

## Becker

Margaret M. (Parkinson) Becker, 78, of Granite City died at 1 a.m. Thursday, May 30, 1991, at the Colonial Care Center in Granite City.

Born on Dec. 30, 1912, in St. Louis, Mrs. Becker was a long-time resident of Granite City.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Among the survivors are her husband, Harry L. Becker; a daughter, Shirley Sullivan; a sister, Sally Emery; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were held Saturday at Math Hermann and Son Chapel, 10212 Halls Ferry Road, St. Louis County. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Louis County.

The family requests memorials for St. John's Lutheran Church, 2001 St. Clair Ave., Granite City.

## Moerli

Evelyn Moerli, 65, of Granite City, died at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, after an hospitalization and illness of two weeks.

She was born in Cementon, New York. She had resided in Granite City for several years.

She was a homemaker and was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include a brother, Michael Greene, and a sister, Helen Grigunovich, both of Cementon, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Anna (Mozara) Grigunovich.

Cremation will be June 1, 1991 in Godfrey, Ill. Davis Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

## Shane

Charlotte D. Shane, 42, of Fairmont City died at 4:08 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 1991, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., 876-4321.

## Waller

Clemens Waller, 78, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, May 31, 1991, at Cameron Missouri Hospital in Cameron, Mo.

Survivors include a son, John Waller of Granite City; three daughters, Donna Cramer of Hamilton, Mo.; Ginger Tinnon of Granite City and Pat Nunnery of Cahokia.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2309 Pontoon Road, 876-4321.

## Malone

Robert Richard Malone, 59, of Granite City died at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

He had been a patient for only a few hours and had been ill for 10 months.

Born Jan. 2, 1932, in Harrisburg, Pa., he resided in Granite City for 30 years. He was employed at Nestle Foods for 15 years. He was a veteran of the Air Force and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Colleen (Zook) Malone, whom he

married June 12, 1971, in Granite City; one son, Charles William Townsend, of Granite City; two daughters, LuAnn Foster and Linda J. Townsend, both of Granite City; his mother, Mary Malone of Harrisburg, Pa.; three brothers, Martin Malone, Harry Malone and

William Malone, all of Harrisburg, Pa.; eight sisters, Mary Behm, Adelaide Mahek, Matilda Adams, all of Harrisburg, Pa.,

Ann Harper, Emma Kalips, both of Granite City; Patricia Ziegler of Carlyle, Pa.; Elva Muzik of Warren, Ohio; and Ethel Brookhart of Irvine, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus, 876-4321.

## Parade, circus set for Monday

By Bob Siate Staff writer

GRANITE CITY—Playful floats, marching bands and colorful floats will be featured in the annual Ainaid Temple Circus parade Monday night at 7:30.

The Shrine parade will follow the traditional route, beginning near City Hall, proceeding down N. Main Street to Madison Avenue, following Madison Avenue to 29th Street, taking 29th to State Street and concluding behind Granite City High School.

Parade Chairman Ed Morton said more than 100 units will be featured in the parade. About 25 of those will be Shrine units,

including Ainaid Temple's 1991 potpourri, Gene Tracy of Marine, and the Ainaid Krazy Klowns, Motor Patrol, Compacts, Arab Patrol, Hospital Unit, Brass Band, Tin Lizzies from Vandana and the national award-winning Ainaid Drum and Bugle Corps.

Other participants will include the Granite City High School Marching Warrior Band, all four Quad City area mayors, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, beauty queens and fraternal organizations, Morton said.

Two themes will be featured for the float entries: "Circus Days" and "God Bless America."

Morton said a new entry in this year's parade will consist of two marching geese from Glen Carbon.

KMOX morning radio personality Bob Hardy will again be at the microphone at the parade reviewing stand, which will be located in front of the Eagles Aerie 1150 on the east side of the 2500 block of Madison Avenue.

Ron Williams of Belleville is the parade marshal.

The parade will precede the annual Shrine circus, set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Gateway International Raceway, Illinois 203 near Interstate 70, Madison.

## Trial

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than 100 marijuana plants at a farm in Carlyle.

Taped conversations played during Flaugh's trial indicated that DeLuca, Cox and Sterkis were involved in a plot to murder a prosecuting attorney and other law enforcement officials in Clinton County.

According to testimony by Sterkis and a tape Sterkis made Nov. 30 of events leading up to

the coke sale, Lanter stopped at the Hardee's in Granite City to discover if it was supported by 10-inch beams rather than joists. The beams, Flaugh said, were not capable of holding up the roof and had begun to

Flaugh said Thursday he didn't give Lanter any money at the meeting.

What he was supposed to be bringing me was architectural drawings of his house," Flaugh said.

Flaugh said when he had gone to see Lanter's roof he had discovered it was supported by 10-inch beams rather than joists. The beams, Flaugh said, were not capable of holding up the roof and had begun to

"He has this great big fireplace and when the beams started sagging, pulled the roof away from the fireplace and the water just poured through," Flaugh said.

Flaugh said someone should be liable for the damage, either the architect or the builder, and he wanted to see the drawings to determine who had made the mistake.

"That's what I do for a living," Flaugh said.

Flaugh, who now lives in rural Calhoun County, said he was in Granite City to pick up an exhaust fan from his former Metro Marine boat repair shop on Missouri Avenue.

Flaugh is not connected with Quality Fiberglass, a boat repair shop now at that location, although he is still a quarter-owner of the lot where it is located.

Ben Allen, Flaugh's attorney, speculated during final arguments that Lanter was afraid of Sterkis and arranged the meeting with Flaugh in order to have a witness.

Allen, of Alton, pointed out that Lanter had earlier made sure he stopped and talked to his wife for the same reason.

All three defense attorneys argued that Sterkis, who Lanter referred to as an "arsonist" and a "hit man," had a reputation of

"having bodies fall around him," including Sterkis' wife, Carol Vonhatten, who was murdered in East St. Louis in 1984. Sterkis was also shot in that incident, which he described to police as an ambush by a gunman. The murder has never been solved.

Outside the courtroom, Flaugh said he had been told that Sterkis had committed the murder himself and made it look like an attack.

"One of the guys who told me that said he was the one who took the gun away from the scene," Flaugh said.

Charles Stegmeyer of Belleville, who represented Ace Hall, said Lanter was "scared to death of Sterkis" but "wanted the deal so bad" he was willing to take some risks. But, Stegmeyer speculated, Lanter took advantage of East St. Louis and Sterkis' admitted dislike of blacks to make Sterkis afraid to try anything.

Stegmeyer speculated that Lanter could have hidden the money at the pallet yard in East St. Louis and then, when he went to get it, "grabbed the biggest black man there (Ace Hall) and told Sterkis, 'this is my partner'."

Will Hall's attorney, Tom Kotter of St. Louis, argued that the evidence would show Will Hall was just along for the ride. He stressed that Will Hall had been shopping at Venture when arrested and asked, "Does that sound like the action of someone who had \$50,000 on the line in a drug deal?"

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Quinley, in rebuttal, agreed Sterkis was no angel. But, Quinley said, in the tapes Lanter was unaware he was being recorded and had no reason to plot against Flaugh and the Halls.

Quinley reminded the jury that

## Workers

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Granite City public aid office, said, "The disabled and the elderly will really be hurt by these (proposed) cuts, and they weren't even getting enough benefits to start with. They can't get their medicine. Every day I hear people say, 'Well, I guess I'll die then.'"

The union also takes exception to the fact that the state is asking the employees to accept a wage freeze, while top state offi-

cials (the governor, his assistants, the secretary of state, the attorney general, his agency directors and other high-ranking officials) will receive pay raises July 1, Dailey said.

AFSCME, which organized the informational picketing Thursday, is planning a rally with members Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. on the east steps of the Capitol in Springfield.

## Walker

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nal, having only a misdemeanor battery charge against him previously. Hunt said that the stress of a family relationship, one that was ending, led to Walker's actions. The unmarried couple had a 1-year-old son when the murder occurred.

"Sharon Harris was killed as a result of emotion, this was not a crime of greed," Hunt said.

But Circuit Judge Edward C. Ferguson disagreed with Hunt's assessment saying that "any person who beats another is a hardened criminal."

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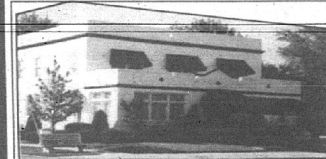
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# Suspect wants to retract guilty plea in Wilson murder

By David Migoya  
Staff writer

BELLEVILLE — A Belleville man who on Tuesday admitted he was involved in the beating death of Audie Wilson said on Thursday he was "sold out" and wanted to retract his guilty plea.

He also said he will request a new attorney be assigned to defend him.

In a letter to St. Clair County Circuit Judge Patrick Fleming, Wayne Peach, 32, of 210 N. 4th St., said he was "scared and under a lot of pressure" when he pleaded guilty to first-degree murder on Tuesday.

In the brief letter, Peach asked Fleming to let him withdraw his plea and proceed to trial.

In the plea agreement, Assistant State's Attorney Jim Stern agreed to drop a charge of concealing a homicide and not recommend a specific prison term.

Peach's plea came within hours after jury selection began for his long-awaited trial.

Peach faces up to 60 years in prison on the charge. The concealment charge carries a possible five-year prison term.

In a telephone interview Thursday from the St. Clair County Jail where he has been held for more than 13 months, Peach said his attorney, James Gomic, told him a plea could mean less time in prison since a conviction was virtually guaranteed.

"I wanted to take this to trial," Peach said. "Gomic told me I was going to get convicted. With my attorney telling me this, I was scared. Sixty-five years is a long time."

Gomic could not be reached for comment Friday.

Peach is the last of four men to be tried in the April 1990 death of Wilson. The alleged instigator of the brawl that ended with Wilson's body being dumped into Mascoutah Creek, Michael Woodrume, 34, is serving a 55-year prison term for first-degree murder and the concealment charge.

Also serving a 45-year prison term is William "Chewy" Schofield, 26, of rural Red Bud. Dur-

ing his trial, Schofield maintained it was Woodrume who held a gun to his head and forced him to stab Wilson twice in the neck.

After his sentence, Schofield was on a brief hunger strike to protest the prison term.

A third man, Luther "Bill" Sturgill, 32, whose house is where the fight took place, already has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree murder and the concealment charge in return for his testimony against the other men.

Stern filed court papers that say he will pursue a legal theory that would convict Peach for his accountability in the killing.

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# AMC Cinema to expand Movie Watcher's Club

By Harry Hamm

Correspondent

American Multi Cinema will announce June 12 in Los Angeles that it is expanding to all its major markets the Movie Watcher's Club it now is testing in St. Louis and four other cities. The Kansas City-based chain, St. Louis' second-largest film exhibitor, operates theaters in 56 metropolitan areas in 26 states.

The club has an estimated 20,000 members in St. Louis, where it has been tested for two years and is achieving its greatest success.

"We feel the Movie Watcher's Club gives us a strong competitive edge," said Greg Hogue, division marketing director for AMC. "Through the many privileges of belonging to the club, frequent moviegoers earn a lot of advantages, like invitations to pre-opening screenings, free concessions, and many other rewards."

The club concept has helped develop customer loyalty and improve a strong relationship with the most avid moviegoers, he said.

"In other words, when the frequent moviegoer has a choice of exhibitors, we think it has been proven the club will be one important reason for them to pick AMC."

Similar to airlines' frequent-flyer programs, the Movie Watcher's Club offers special incentives to members who frequently go to the movies. An additional incentive this year will be free concession coupons presented instantly to club members who have attained a specified number of points based on their frequency of attendance.

Besides St. Louis, the club now is operating in Detroit, Dallas, Phoenix and Tampa.

## TIDAL WAVE

The Tidal Wave, Six Flags' newest, wettest ride, is the hottest attraction in many years at the theme park in Eureka, said general manager Mike Paladin. "The Tidal Wave doesn't take up that much space and wasn't a terribly complicated attraction to construct," Paladin said. "It lasts only about a minute and consists of one big drop (in a large, bus-sized) water slide into a small body of water that gives the effect of causing a small tidal wave."

The drenching riders get makes perfect sense when the area faces the scorching temperatures characteristic of St. Louis summers. But even before the latest heat wave, during a relatively cool spring period, patrons

were lining up to wait as long as an hour to ride The Tidal Wave, he said.

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Blake, thought we could put it on bicycle wheels so I could pedal it on stage," Feinstein said in the article.

## 'TERMINATOR 2' IS TOPS

"Terminator 2," which opens July 3 and is expected to cost more than \$85 million to make, is the most expensive movie ever produced in the United States, according to figures in Variety and other industry publications. It bumps to second place "Die Hard 2," the \$70-million hit from last summer.

The next most expensive films made in this country are: "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," 1988, \$66 million; "Total Recall," 1990, \$65 million; "The Godfather Part III," 1990, \$63 million; "Rambo III," 1988, \$58 million; "Days of Thunder," 1990, "Tango & Cash," 1989, "Lethal," 1987, and "Superman," 1978, all \$55 million; "Superman II," 1980, \$54 million; "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen," 1988, \$53 million; and "Annie," 1982, \$51.5 million.

"Hudson Hawk," Bruce Willis' new summer movie, missed this list by a hair, reportedly coming in at \$81 million.

## TIE HOMETOWN TOP 5

The hottest films in St. Louis for the past week were:  
AMC: "Backdraft," "What About Bob?," "Thelma & Louise," "Only the Lonely" and "Drop Dead Fred."  
Wehrenberg: "Backdraft," "What About Bob?," "Hudson Hawk," "Only the Lonely" and "Thelma & Louise."

On the national scene, "Backdraft" was the top grosser last week, raking in \$16 million in its first weekend of release. "What About Bob?" came in second, pulling in \$9 million in its second week.

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## Witter carries Lady Warriors to final four Junior has record-setting day

By Dave Whaley  
Staff writer

NAPERVILLE — What me, nervous? Not Amanda Witter. The Lady Warrior junior wasted little time in getting her name into the state tournament record book. Witter scored three goals as Granite City rolled past Downers Grove South 4-1 on Friday in the state quarterfinals at Naperville Central High School.

The Lady Warriors (20-2) advanced to play in Saturday's morning semifinals against Waukegan Valley (24-2-1). They then played for the state title or third place Saturday night.

Although she was assisted on all three goals, Witter showed some excellent individual ability on each part of her hat trick. Previously, eight girls had scored two goals in a state tournament game including Collinsville's Kim Thompson in 1988. But Witter quickly took charge on Friday with the 15th, 16th and 17th goals of the season to become the first girls player to ever score three goals in a state tournament game.

"I thought I could beat their defenders one on one," she said. "We were kind of nervous coming in here, but the first goal kind of took away the jitters. Until our third goal (Witter's second) it was anyone's game."

Actually, the Lady Warriors had a few shaky moments, particularly when the Mustangs cut the margin to 2-1 on Jennifer Johnson's goal early in the second half. But Witter took a

throw-in from Tammy Dutko six minutes later, moved in unopposed on the left side and beat Downers Grove goalkeeper Jenya Matiya with high shot at 50:47.

"We made a few mistakes early," said Granite City coach Gene Baker. "It was a great trip up and then all of a sudden everything got crazy. But Amanda got us going. She's a great player. Downers Grove played very physical and Amanda is one player strong enough to hold the ball against that and make the plays. And she's a two-footed player."

She did just that at 28:06. Witter took a pass from senior Tia Rees and weaved her way through three Mustang defenders. Her shot banked off the right post and in.

Sophomore Ann Logan made it 2-0 on a great setup by senior Jennifer Harper. Harper moved down the right wing and along the goal line to the right of Matiya. When the defenders converged, Harper slid a pass out to Logan in the slot for a point-blank shot. It was Logan's third goal of the season.

"I don't think we were nervous," said Downers Grove coach Barry Jacobson, whose team finished the season at 16-3-2. "We were just very tired on defense. Our defense is usually very aggressive. This is the first time we've allowed four goals all year and Granite City is not particularly a high scoring team."

The Mustangs came on late in the half and Lisa Knapp hit the post on a shot from a seemingly impossible angle. The pressure paid off 4:26 into the second half. Laura Schaw slid a short pass to Johnson near the top of the penalty area and her quick shot beat Stephanie Kult to the lower left corner.

It was only the eighth goal given up by the Lady Warriors this year. The state record is nine.

"Stephanie was disappointed giving up the goal, but it's not failure to give up a goal once in a while," said Baker. "We didn't play our normal style. We need to be more relaxed, make shorter passes and keep it square."

After Witter made it 3-1, she completed the hat trick at 65:46. Kult's long punt was fielded by Addie Lund to Witter. She took on Mustang defender Janet Hill one on one down the middle of the field. Witter made one move to her right and blasted the ball in off Matiya's hands.

"I wasn't thinking of passing there," Witter said. "I knew I could get by her."

"We had our game faces on today. We got up real early this morning and had a real good breakfast, instead of just eating anything."

Senior Angela Blason was particularly solid defensively for the Lady Warriors, who outshot Downers Grove 15-6. They also had three corner kicks to only



AMANDA WITTER scored the hat trick on Friday in the opening round of the Girls State Soccer Tournament in Naperville. Her goal at the 50 minute mark sealed the issue against Downers Grove South.

one for the Mustangs. Each team committed nine fouls. "We had some momentum when it was 2-1 and then we had

a free kick in their end," said Jacobson. "But give some credit to Granite City. We didn't quit. We'll be back."

The Lady Warriors were back Saturday. Details of the semifinals and finals will appear in Wednesday's Journal.

## Triplets could have their best season ever

By Mike Kelly  
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — During his five years as manager of the Granite City Triplets, Ralph Burnett has been blessed with some talented teams.

But the best is yet to come for the defending District 22, North Division champions.

"This could be the best team I've ever had," Burnett said. "We've got more pitching, good skill position people, speed on the bases and power in the lineup. This team is capable of playing competitive baseball on a consistent basis."

Fueling Burnett's enthusiasm is a pitching staff that features six quality arms. Rich Scharday, Chris Hill, Drake Marshall, Brian Harshany, Ryan Reeves and Jeff Miller have the ability to bring the Triplets another division crown.

"Those people can get the ball over the plate," Burnett said. "Chris was our most consistent pitcher last year and Rich beat Tom Price (of Edwardsville) to clinch the division title for us."

But Scharday, a freshman at Lindenwood College in St. Louis, suffered a serious knee injury last fall. He had reconstructive surgery on the knee and was expected to miss the entire season.

"Rich is a gutsy kid," Burnett said. "The doctors told him to take a year off, but this is his last season of legion ball and he wants to play. The guy's worked his butt off to prepare himself for the season."

"He's looked good in practice, and he hasn't shown any ill effects from his surgery. Rich is ready to go and he's going to

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play an important role on this team."

Another guy Burnett is counting on is Reeves. Slated to play centerfield, Reeves will also handle the stopper role in the bullpen.

"Ryan has the moxie to be a late-inning relief man," Burnett said. "He's not overpowering, but he has a good breaking ball. The guy can throw strikes with that pitch."

"He has a good arm, and he probably has one of the best arms I've coached, with the exception of Joe Wallace."

Granite City will also feature a stingy defense behind those talented hurlers. Mike Nordstrom (first base), Marshall (second base), Jeff Stephens (shortstop) and Harshany (third base) will patrol the infield, while Eric Lewis (leftfield), Reeves and Billy Van Buskirk (rightfield) will be in the outfield. Dan Partney will handle the catching chores.

But how will the loss of Wallace, now at Oklahoma State, affect the Triplets behind the plate?

"Dan Partney is a capable

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catcher," Burnett said. "He's worked very hard to establish himself at that position. He's got

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